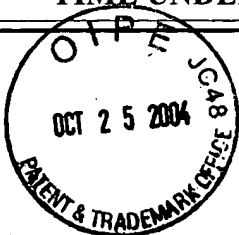


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COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)					Docket No. 15344	
In Re Application Of: Tsukasa Kobayashi, et al.						
Application 10/091,894		Filing Date March 6, 2002		Examiner Bradford C. Pantuck	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3731
						Confirmation No. 6289
Invention: APPARATUS FOR LIGATING LIVING TISSUES						
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>						
This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>5/21/2004</u> in the above-identified application. <i>Date</i>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):						
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from: <u>6/21/2004</u> until: <u>10/21/2004</u> <i>Date</i> <i>Date</i>						
The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	23 -	23 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0	x \$88.00	\$0.00	
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00	
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$1,530.00	
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$1,530.00	
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$1,530.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of **\$0.00**
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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Dated: **October 21, 2004**

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